THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) As per available information, more than 121 persons have been killed by Veerappan. He is involved in elephant poaching, sandalwood smuggling, kidnapping of important persons.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Central Government has provided assistance in the form of arms/ ammunitions and other equipments. Besides, instructions have already been issued to provide assistance for aerial surveillance and quick transportation of troops and slithering operations at Air Station, Sulur.

(d) and (e) The Central Government has asked the Govt. of Karnataka to gear up ground intelligence gathering and assured the State Governments to provide Central Para Military Forces at short notice to carry out assault operations.

Integration of Naga areas

3460. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether "Integration of Naga areas is a commitment of Government of India as per clause 13 of the 16-point Agreement of 1960, about which Nagaland Assembly has already passed Resolutions to this effect thrice in the past", as asserted by Rio, CM Nagaland, as reported in the media,; and

b) if so, whether Government are also thinking of this option while finding lasting solution to Naga insurgency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI) : (a) and (b) Clause 13 of the 16-point Agreement of 1960 is reproduced below:

> *"The Naga leaders expressed the view that other Nagas inhabiting contiguous areas should be enabled to joint the new State. It was pointed out to them on behalf of the Government of India that Articles 3 and 4 of the Constitution provided for increasing the area of any State, but that it was not possible for the Government of India to make any commitment in this regard at this stage".*

Government of India from time to time, has reiterated its stand that territorial integrity of other North Eastern States will not be disturbed.